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# Cherokee National Forest Tennessee



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The Cherokee National Forest covers approximately 624,000 acres in ten east Tennessee counties. It is split into two sections by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Although the Forest offers many forms of recreation, one of the most popular is camping. Everything from fully developed areas with weekend campground programs to primitive sites are available.

The Forest Service operates 29 developed camping areas on the Cherokee, with approximately 685 individual units. Generally, the units will accommodate tents or trailers up to 22 feet long. There is no reservation system for campgrounds. However, unless an area is specifically closed to camping, campers may choose other suitable locations throughout the Forest. Camping in most developed areas is limited to 14 days.

For hikers, the Cherokee National Forest offers everything from hikes through wilderness areas to short walks along lakeshores. There are 105 hiking trails covering 540 miles. They range from easy to extremely difficult. There are both point-to-point trails and extensive loop trail networks.

A variety of trail user opportunities exist: self-guided nature trails, horse trails, bicycle trails and motorcycle trails, are all available.

Hiking in the Cherokee National Forest offers one of the best ways to experience the Forest in a quiet, relaxed atmosphere. No permits and no check-in stations are required for the backcountry, although it is always a good idea to tell somebody where you are going and when you expect to return. It is also a good idea to stop at the nearest District Ranger's office for additional information and maps of the areas you intend to hike.

Three of the better-known trail networks are the Citico Creek and Big Frog Mountain systems and the Appalachian Trail. Two National Recreation Trails are included in the Forest trail system. These are the John Muir and Warrior's Passage trails.

Five whitewater rivers flow through the Cherokee National Forest. These are the Ocoee, Hiwassee, French Broad, Tellico and Nolichucky Rivers. Commercial outfitters will rent out equipment or provide guided trips for some of these streams. For more information, check telephone listings for towns along the rivers or ask at the nearest District Ranger's office. Other water sports in the Forest include swimming, boating and skiing. There are several boat ramps, beaches and swimming facilities for such water enthusiasts.

Hunting and fishing are also very popular in the Cherokee National Forest. A variety of game species is available. The most prominent are black bear, wild boar, deer, squirrel, grouse, turkey and rainbow, brown and brook trout.

Welcome to the

# Cherokee National Forest

## Tennessee



Hunting and fishing regulations for the Forest are set by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. For licenses and additional information call or write: TWRA, Rt. 3, Box 153-A, Talbot, TN 37877, toll free 1-800-332-0900 or TWRA, 216 E. Penfield, Crossville, TN 38555, toll free 1-800-262-6704.

Two other popular pastimes are scenic drives and picnicking. The Cherokee National Forest has 12 picnic areas and 14 campgrounds with separate picnic areas.

More than 1,100 miles of roads are maintained in the Cherokee National Forest. Scenic drives may range from short outings to all-day trips. Spectacular colors in the fall add incentive for motorists to leisurely enjoy the Forest. Scenic overlooks and panoramic vistas make driving through the Forest a pleasurable experience any time of the year.

A last word of caution: More than 90 percent of the fires in the Cherokee National Forest are man-caused, costing millions of dollars each year to control and millions more in lost resources.

If you need information about camping, trails and other activities, contact the offices listed below. They have free Forest maps and brochures. There are also wilderness area maps available for a \$1 fee.

All seven Cherokee National Forest offices are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Bald River Falls (1):** Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tellico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tellico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 7 miles

**Big Bend (2):** Take U.S. 411 south from Etowah for 5 miles; turn left (east) on Tennessee 30 to Reliance; cross bridge over Hiwassee River; turn right; stay to the right, following signs to Appalachia Powerhouse on Forest Service Road 108

**Big Oak Grove (3):** Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tellico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tellico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 15 miles (8 miles past Bald River Falls)

**Chilhowee (4):** Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 12 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 77 for 7 miles

**Dam Creek (5):** Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tellico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tellico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 11 miles (4 miles past Bald River Falls)

**Davis Branch (6):** Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tellico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tellico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 14 miles (7 miles past Bald River Falls)

**Double Camp (7):** Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tellico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tellico Plains for 9 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 345 to Indian Boundary; bear right on Forest Service Road 35-1 for 4 miles past Indian Boundary

**Hiwassee River (9):** Take U.S. 411 south from Etowah for 5 miles; turn left (east) on Tennessee 30 for 3 miles

**Holly Flats (10):** Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tellico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tellico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 13 miles (6 miles past Bald River Falls); turn right on first road past Green Cove (Forest Service Road 126) for 4 miles

**Indian Boundary (11):** Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tellico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tellico Plains for 9 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 345 at signs to Indian Boundary.

**Jake Best (12):** Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tellico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tellico Plains for 9 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 345 at signs to Indian Boundary; bear right on Forest Service Road 35-1 for 6 miles past Indian Boundary

**Lost Creek (13):** Take U.S. 411 south from Etowah for 5 miles; turn left (east) on Tennessee 30 for 7 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 103 for 7 miles

**Mac Point (14):** Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 19 miles

**North River (15):** Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tellico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tellico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 9 miles (2 miles past Bald River Falls); turn left on Forest Service Road 217 (road to Stratton Meadows) for 2 miles

**Parksville Beach (16):** Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 17 miles

**Parksville Boat Ramp (17):** Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 18 miles

**Parksville Lake (18):** Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 20 miles

**Powerhouse (19):** Take U.S. 411 south from Etowah for 5 miles; turn left (east) on Tennessee 30 to Reliance; cross bridge over Hiwassee River; turn right; stay to the right, following signs to Appalachia Powerhouse on Forest Service Road 108

**Quinn Spring (20):** Take U.S. 411 south from Etowah for 5 miles; turn left (east) on Tennessee 30 for 2 miles

**Spivey Cove (21):** Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tellico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tellico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 12 miles (5 miles past Bald River Falls)

**State Line (22):** Take Tennessee Scenic Route 165 east from Tellico Plains; continue on 165 east at fork in road outside Tellico Plains; turn right at signs to Bald River Falls (Forest Service Road 221) for 16 miles (9 miles past Bald River Falls)

**Sylco (23):** Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 11 miles to Cherokee Corners; turn right on Baker's Creek Road for 3½ miles to the Cherokee National Forest boundary; at boundary, Baker's Creek Road becomes Forest Service Road 55; continue for 6½ miles

**Thunder Rock (24):** Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 25 miles to Ocoee # Powerhouse; turn right across concrete bridge; follow road around powerhouse; take first right

**Towee (25):** Take U.S. 411 south from Etowah for 5 miles; turn left (east) on Tennessee 30 to Reliance; cross bridge over Hiwassee River; turn right; stay to the right, following signs to Appalachia Powerhouse on Forest Service Road 108

**Tumbling Creek (26):** Take U.S. 64 east from Cleveland for 25 miles to Ocoee #3 Powerhouse; turn right across concrete bridge; follow road around powerhouse for 2 miles; take left fork of Forest Service Road 221 for 6 miles

**Backbone Rock (27):** Take U.S. 421 south from Bristol for 20 miles to Shady Valley; turn left on Tennessee 133 for 7 miles

**Cardens Bluff (28):** Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 south at Hampton; continue for 4 miles

**Carvers Gap (29):** Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn right on U.S. 19 E for 10 miles to Roan Mountain (town); turn right on Tennessee 143 for 12 miles

**Dennis Cove (30):** Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 south at Hampton; turn right off U.S. 321 south at Citizens Branch Bank (Forest Service Road 50) for 5 miles

**French Broad (31):** Take U.S. 25-70 east from Newport for 13 miles

**Horse Creek (32):** Take U.S. 11 E Bypass from Greeneville; turn right on Tennessee 107 for 6 miles; following signs to Horse Creek, turn right on Forest Service Road 94

**Houston Valley (33):** Take U.S. 25-70 east from Newport for 12 miles; turn left on Tennessee 107 for 4 miles

**Jacobs Creek (34):** Take U.S. 421 south from Bristol for 12 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 32; turn left on Forest Service Road 337

**Laurels (35):** Take Tennessee 107 from Unicoi for 1 mile; turn left on Scioto Road for 6 miles

**Limestone Cove (36):** Take Tennessee 107 from Unicoi for 3 miles

**Little Milligan (37):** Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 at Hampton; continue on U.S. 321 south for 9 miles

**Little Oak (38):** Take U.S. 421 south from Bristol for 12 miles; turn right on Forest Service Road 87 for 5 miles

**Low Gap (39):** Take Tennessee 91 north from Elizabethton for 7 miles; turn left on Forest Service Road 56; turn left at fork

**Old Forge (40):** Take U.S. 11 E Bypass from Greeneville; turn right on Tennessee 107 for 6 miles; following signs to Horse Creek, turn right on Forest Service Road 94; turn right at Horse Creek on Forest Service Road 331 for 3 miles

**Paint Creek (41):** Take U.S. 25-70 east from Newport for 12 miles; following Paint Creek signs, turn left on Tennessee 107 for 10 miles; turn right on Forest Service Road 31; bear right at fork for 2 miles

**Rat Branch (42):** Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 south at Hampton; continue on U.S. 321 south for 2 miles

**Rock Creek (43):** Take Rock Creek Road east from Erwin for 3 miles (turn on Rock Creek Road from Main Street)

**Round Knob (44):** Take U.S. 11 E Bypass from Greeneville; turn right on Tennessee 107 for 6 miles; following signs to Horse Creek, turn right on Forest Service Road 94; turn right at Horse Creek on Forest Service Road 331 for 4 miles to intersection with Forest Service Road 88; bear left at intersection

**Round Mountain (45):** Take U.S. 25-70 east from Newport for 10 miles to Del Rio; turn right on Tennessee 107 for 10 miles (becomes gravel road)

**Shook Branch (46):** Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 at Hampton; continue on U.S. 321 south for 2 miles

**Sink Mountain (47):** Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 at Hampton; continue on U.S. 321 south for 8 miles; turn left (north) on Tennessee 67 for 7 miles; turn right on Forest Service Road 58 at Doevoile for 2 miles; turn right on Forest Service Road 298 for 3 miles

**Twin Springs (48):** Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn right on U.S. 19 E south for 10 miles to Road Mountain (town); turn right (south) on Tennessee 143 for 8 miles

**Unaka Mountain (49):** Take Rock Creek Road east from Erwin for 10 miles (turn on Rock Creek Road from Main Street)

**Watauga Point (50):** Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 south at Hampton; continue on U.S. 321 south for 5 miles

**"Y" Men (51):** Take U.S. 321 south from Elizabethton to Hampton; turn left on U.S. 321 south at Hampton; continue on U.S. 321 south for 3 miles



Supervisor's Office  
U.S. Forest Service  
2800 North Ocoee Street  
Cleveland, TN 37311  
(615) 476-9700

**Hiwassee Ranger District**  
U.S. Forest Service  
1401 South Tennessee Ave.  
Etowah, TN 37331  
(615) 263-5486

**Tellico Ranger District**  
U.S. Forest Service  
Rt. 3, Tellico River Road  
Tellico Plains, TN 37385  
(615) 253-2520

**Nolichucky Ranger District**  
U.S. Forest Service  
504 Justis Drive  
Greeneville, TN 37743  
(615) 638-4109

**Unaka Ranger District**  
U.S. Forest Service  
Route 1, 1205 N. Main St.  
Erwin, TN 37650  
(615) 743-4452

**Ocoee Ranger District**  
U.S. Forest Service  
Route 1, Parksville  
Benton, TN 37307  
(615) 338-5201

**Watauga Ranger District**  
U.S. Forest Service  
Route 9, Box 352-B  
Elizabethton, TN 37643  
(615) 542-2942

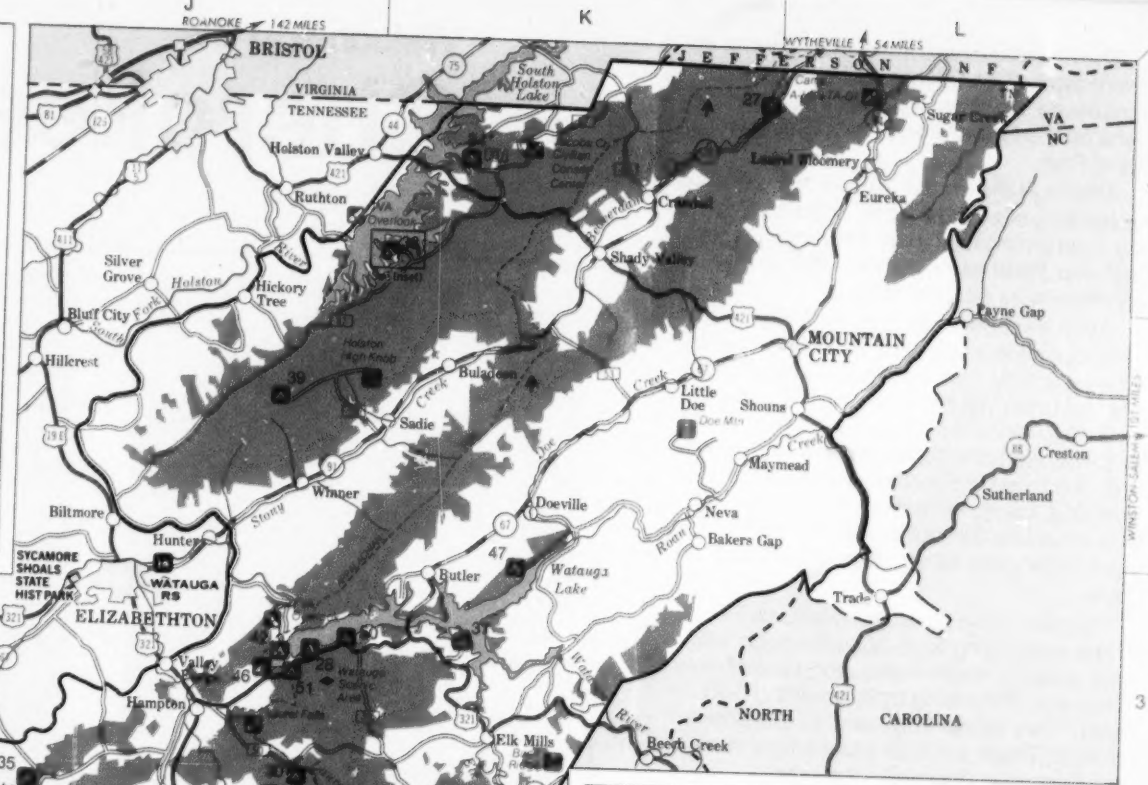
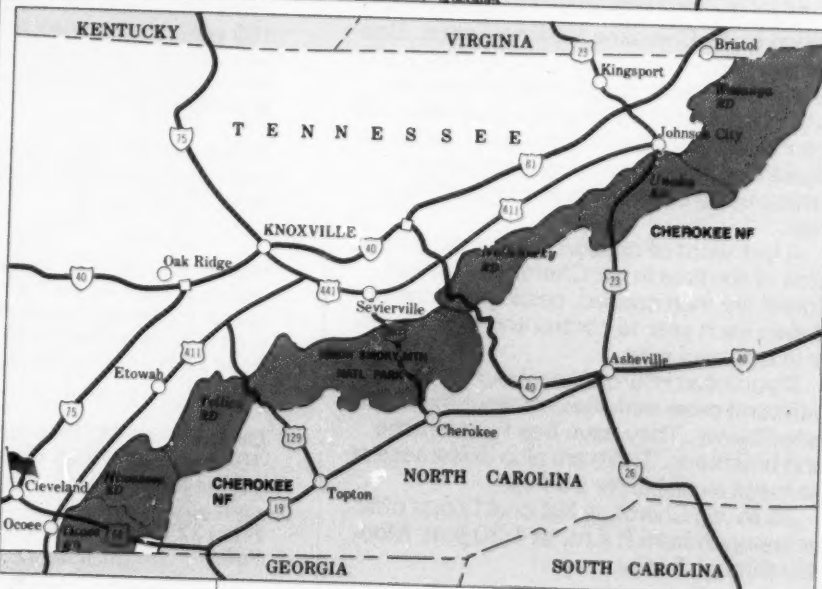
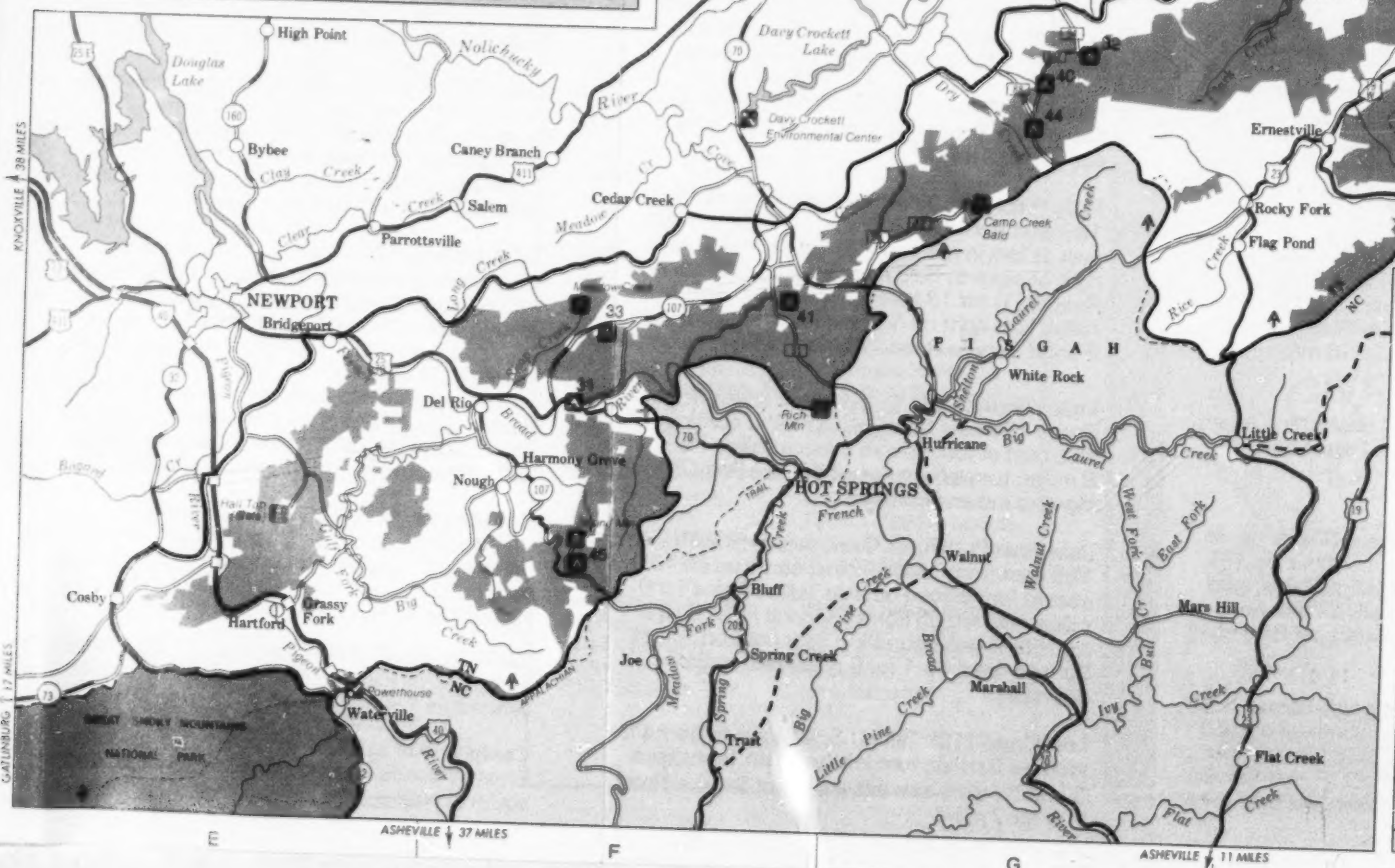
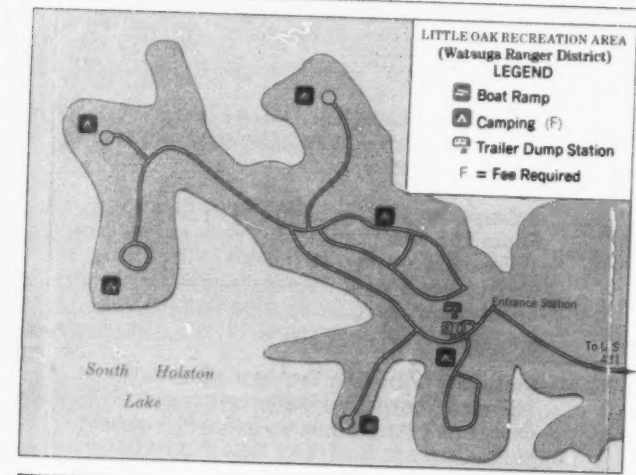


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# CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST TENNESSEE

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1 inch = 6.5 Miles (approx)

- LEGEND**
- National Forest Boundary
  - State Boundary
  - Wilderness Area
  - Supervisors Office
  - Ranger District Office
  - Recreation Site
  - Lookout Tower
  - Point of Interest
  - Scenic Area
  - National Forest Land
  - National Park
  - State Park
  - Urban Area
  - Interstate Highway
  - U.S. Highway
  - State Highway
  - Forest Route
  - Primary Highway
  - Secondary Highway
  - Other Route
  - Appalachian Trail



| MAP LOCATION | RECREATION SITES | SITE NUMBER | BOATING | CAMPING | DRINKING WATER | FISHING | HIKING TRAIL | PICNICKING | SANITARY FACILITIES | SWIMMING | TRAILER DUMP STA | TRAILER SPACE |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|--------------|------------|---------------------|----------|------------------|---------------|
| K-1          | BACKBONE ROCK    | 27          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| J-3          | CARDENS BLUFF    | 28          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| J-4          | CARVERS GAP      | 29          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| J-3          | DENNIS COVE      | 30          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| F-6          | FRENCH BROAD     | 31          | A       |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| G-5          | HORSE CREEK      | 32          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| F-8          | HOUSTON VALLEY   | 33          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| K-1          | JACOBS CREEK     | 34          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| J-3          | LAURELS          | 35          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| J-4          | LIMESTONE COVE   | 36          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| K-3          | LITTLE MILLIGAN  | 37          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| K-1          | LITTLE OAK       | 38          |         | F       |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| J-2          | LOW GAP          | 39          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| G-5          | OLD FORGE        | 40          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| F-5          | PAINT CREEK      | 41          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| J-3          | RAT BRANCH       | 42          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| H-4          | ROCK CREEK       | 43          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| G-5          | ROUND KNOB       | 44          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| F-6          | ROUND MOUNTAIN   | 45          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| J-3          | SHOOK BRANCH     | 46          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| K-3          | SINK MOUNTAIN    | 47          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| H-4          | TWIN SPRINGS     | 48          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| J-4          | UNAKA MOUNTAIN   | 49          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| J-3          | WATAUGA POINT    | 50          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |
| J-3          | "Y" MEN          | 51          |         |         |                |         |              |            |                     |          |                  |               |

F = Fee Required  
A = Carry Down Access

Remember: only you can  
PREVENT FOREST FIRES!



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A  
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